

# NEW REINVESTMENT GRANT RFA MEETING MINUTES

May 22, 2013 MCSO Detention Facility Conference Room

## ATTENDANCE

Tommy Taylor  
Larry Prescott  
Laura DeLoach-Hartle  
Karen Knight

Edie Hambright  
Jane Muir-Isherwood  
Joe Laino

Tamara Snider  
Sandy Pearce  
Manny Madruga

## PHONE ATTENDANCE

Clare Shaw

Minutes prepared by: Carol Peterson

Muir-Isherwood: I spoke with Holly – we could possibly offer space at pretrial services at the Juvenile Justice building in KW and possibility of office space in the Ellis building in PK. Court would not be able to be the lead agency. Contacted John Dow at South Florida Behavioral Health Network - no money for cash match – he recommended Our Kids program or the McDonalds foundation. Our Kids already has an intake and could possibly be a good source.

Knight: Our Kids is more child abuse, neglect and abandonment issues and services are for children. They don't deal with adults.

Muir-Isherwood: What about the Sheriff's forfeiture fund?

Snider: There are specific fund guidelines for the forfeiture fund so we would have to check to see if it would be applicable. And we would also have to see if funds are available.

Taylor: We have established a program need. Consensus is we could use a centralized receiving center for assessment in three locations. What would be the impact of providing this?

Muir-Isherwood: With the Sheriff's office, we could continue to have CIT training. If there is a crisis, rather than booking someone into the jail we could actually try to prevent that and save money by not incarcerating someone. Many services are being duplicated throughout the County as we all do our own assessments and not really talking to each other. We could have a central intake so everyone could get the entire picture and be more effective with the same assessment and coordinated referrals, i.e. treatment, housing. We could save every group money if we worked as a collaborative effort at a central intake.

Knight: Rural Health Network wants to expand the new grant medical center. Maybe they could be contacted. Discussion

Hambright: I spoke with Sandy (Islands) and the hospital cannot commit space at this time but is interested in the services they might be able to offer.

Taylor: We are going to have to have providers manned at various locations to offer services. In order to sell the program we have to have a big impact such as a reduction in costs – we will need 24/7 service and will also need law enforcement availability.

Muir-Isherwood: The grant would pay for this. We couldn't use any court offices 24/7. Only the jail or hospitals are open 24/7. This has to be set up throughout the Keys in 3 locations. With the \$400K per year, 5 positions could be provided for including administration/grant manager and 4 assessment specialists MH/SA.

Hambricht: The current 2 grant staff positions could not be funded to work on this new grant until April 2014.

Taylor: The 2 upper Keys jail facilities are too small to hold an intake area for assessments.

Laino: I feel we have an idea we like but we have to get the bugs out of it. It may be worthwhile for different agencies to see the benefits they will get out of this for a smaller investment (\$40K first year divided by 4 or 5 agencies). If we could show the County commissioners we have a program for \$1.2 M and we could provide better services for numerous agencies, we could ask for a delay in getting it on the County agenda.

Hambricht: We have to have the treatment providers agreeing to this as the Behavioral Health providers will play the major initial role in this grant.

Shaw: The key is having a group to coordinate the writing and setup set-up of this grant RFA. And we can't support this grant if we don't have the providers. I have a concern about the lead agency being identified in order to do the RFA.

Prescott: We (Guidance Care Center) would have to have additional staff to support this. Also, we have no place to put our current people so we would need more space. We also don't usually get any grants that have a cash match and cannot provide for this one. After talking with my Westcare administrators, we cannot be the lead for this grant.

DeLoach-Hartle: Whoever is the lead agency has to have the cash flow available and that is a problem for anyone. The County cannot be the lead agency to manage the grant.

Taylor: What if the Sheriff's office took the lead but various entities would come together to provide assistance and the cash match portion? The Sheriff's office doesn't like to hire people on and then tell them their job is over when the grant is done. The Sheriff's office would take the lead if they could do the job effectively and efficiently but we cannot commit to that in this short period of time. We have brainstormed the options of this RFA and it appears we cannot get a lead agency or a commitment for the cash match. Although this new grant is a large amount of money, it appears we have come to the conclusion that we cannot meet the requirements in this short period of time.

Madruga: There is no lead agency so this is a dead issue.

Taylor: It is noted that the consensus from the group indicates the process of obtaining this grant stops now. Meeting adjourned.